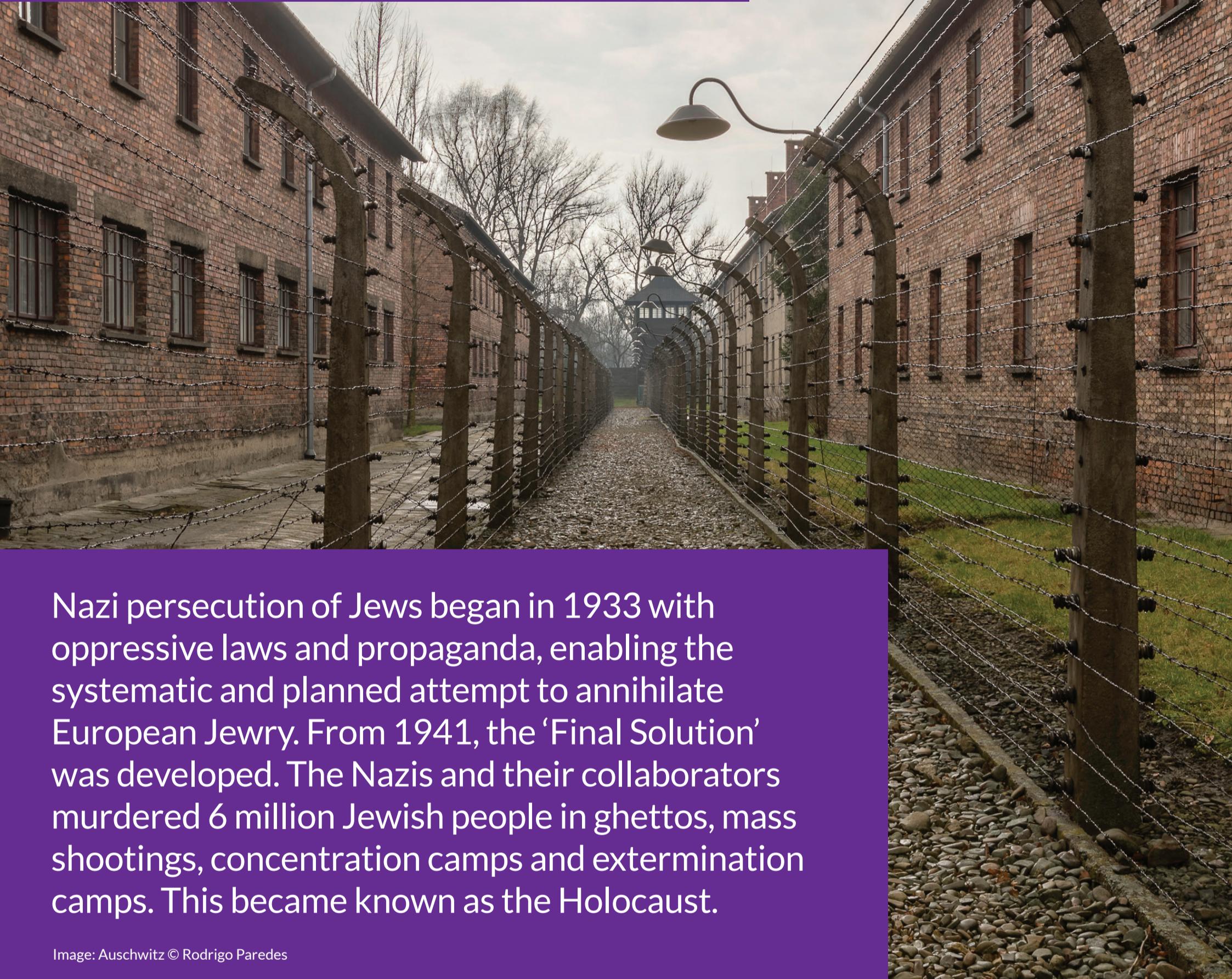


The Holocaust



Nazi persecution of Jews began in 1933 with oppressive laws and propaganda, enabling the systematic and planned attempt to annihilate European Jewry. From 1941, the 'Final Solution' was developed. The Nazis and their collaborators murdered 6 million Jewish people in ghettos, mass shootings, concentration camps and extermination camps. This became known as the Holocaust.

Image: Auschwitz © Rodrigo Paredes



'I was there. As a child aged nine I was in the ghetto. Aged 15 I was in the concentration camp. We must tell people what happened. No child should go through what I did.'

Sir Ben Helfgott, 1929-2023, survivor of the Holocaust and former Honorary President of the Holocaust Memorial Day Trust

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Walter Kammerling

Walter fled Nazi-occupied Austria on the *Kindertransport* in 1939. You can watch and share a powerful film where Walter reflects on his time in Northern Ireland, at Millisle Farm.

Watch Walter's film:
hmd.org.uk/walter

Renee Bornstein BEM

Renee survived the Holocaust by hiding in barns, farms and convents. A resistance worker who took Renee to one of the convents, Marianne, was murdered by the Gestapo.

Read Renee's life story:
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Anne Frank

The diary written by Anne Frank is famous around the world as an eye witness account which gives an insight into the persecution faced by Jewish people under the Nazi regime.

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Nazi persecution of other groups

1933-1945



Nazi racial theories fuelled their persecution of Roma, Sinti, Slavic and black people. Disabled people, gay people and political opponents were also targeted. Hundreds of thousands of lives were destroyed or changed beyond recognition because of Nazi Persecution of other groups.

Image: Auschwitz © Adam Jones

'I remember Auschwitz every waking moment of my life.'



Ceija Stojka, survivor of the Roma genocide

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Johann 'Rukeli' Trollmann

Johann was a popular German boxer who was part of the Sinti community. He was discriminated against, marginalised, sterilised, and finally deported to a concentration camp, where he was murdered.

Read Johann's life story:
hmd.org.uk/johann



Helene Melanie Lebel

Helene was diagnosed with schizophrenia when she was 19 years old. She was one of around 250,000 people murdered by the Nazis because they were perceived to have physical or mental disabilities.

Read Helene's life story:
hmd.org.uk/helene



Pierre Seel

Pierre Seel grew up in France and was imprisoned by the Nazis at the age of 17 for being gay. Pierre was sent to a camp, where he lived under a brutal regime of beatings, starvation and humiliation.

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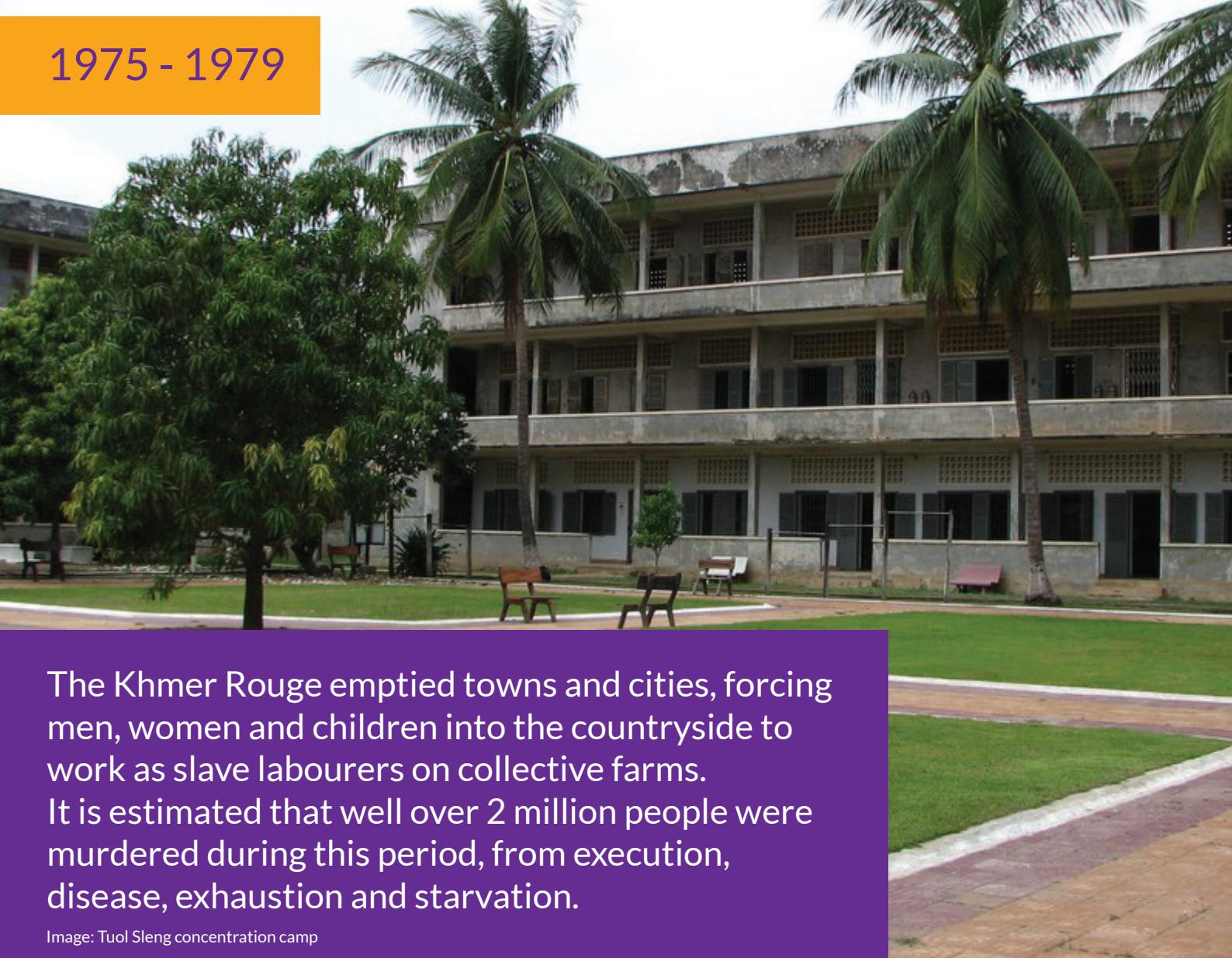
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Genocide in Cambodia

1975 - 1979



The Khmer Rouge emptied towns and cities, forcing men, women and children into the countryside to work as slave labourers on collective farms. It is estimated that well over 2 million people were murdered during this period, from execution, disease, exhaustion and starvation.

Image: Tuol Sleng concentration camp



'2 million people were forced out of the city and on the road. Our entire fabric of life had been torn apart.'

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Sophari Ashley

Sophari lost family members during the genocide in Cambodia and was forced to leave her home in Phnom Penh aged 10. She continued to suffer the psychological and physical effects of genocide after moving to the UK.

Read Sophari's life story:
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Sokphal Din BEM

Sokphal was born in Phnom Penh and after the city fell to the Khmer Rouge, he and his family were among those forced into hard labour. Sokphal's father, grandmother and one of his younger brothers were murdered in the genocide.

Read Sokphal's life story:
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Chanrithy Him

Chanrithy survived the genocide in Cambodia, which began when she was 10 years old. She experienced unimaginable trauma when she lost both her parents and five siblings during Pol Pot's regime.

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Genocide against the Tutsi in Rwanda

1994

Following years of persecution, approximately one million Tutsis were murdered alongside moderate Hutus in Rwanda in just 100 days. Extremist Hutu leaders used radio and word of mouth to encourage killing squads to carry out the genocide by hand.

Image: Kigali Memorial Centre



'Despite numerous SOS calls, no international help came. We received messages that the militias would attack the hotel and finish us off.'

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Appolinaire Kageruka

Appolinaire was working as a teacher in Rwanda when the genocide began. In a film for HMDT, he shares his experiences of hiding during the genocide, and coping with the loss of his parents and siblings.

Watch Appolinaire's film:
hmd.org.uk/appolinaire



Marie Chantal Uwamahoro

Chantal was forced to hide during the genocide against the Tutsi in Rwanda, after she witnessed her brothers being murdered. Her neighbours helped her despite the risk to their own lives, but 50 members of Chantal's family were murdered.

Read Chantal's life story:
hmd.org.uk/chantal



Eric Eugene Murangwa MBE

Eric had a passion for football and played for the renowned Rayon Sports Football Club in Kigali. 35 of his relatives were murdered during the genocide against the Tutsi in Rwanda, but Eric survived thanks to his teammates who helped him to hide.

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Genocide in Bosnia

1995



Against the backdrop of the war, Bosnian Serb forces descended on the Bosnian Muslim 'safe haven' of Srebrenica. Around 8,000 men and boys were murdered – the single largest mass murder in Europe since 1945.

Image: Srebrenica Genocide Memorial © Julian Buijzen



Image: © Kristian Skeie

Hasan Hasanović, survivor of the genocide in Bosnia

'They didn't care that we were unarmed. Their primary concern was that we were Muslim, and they wanted us dead.'

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Hasan Nuhanović

Hasan was an interpreter for the United Nations in Srebrenica and saw his family murdered when the town fell to the Bosnian Serb Army. In the years since he has campaigned for justice for the victims of Srebrenica.

[Read Hasan's life story:
hmd.org.uk/hasanN](https://hmd.org.uk/hasanN)



Kemal Pervanić

In 1992, Bosnian Serb forces imprisoned Kemal and his brother in the notorious Omarska Concentration Camp because they were Muslims. Many of the guards were neighbours, including a former teacher and classmate.

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Safet Vukalić BEM

Safet's father and brother were taken away to concentration camps, but he narrowly avoided the same fate when his mother managed to prevent him from going with them. Safet later came to the UK as a refugee.

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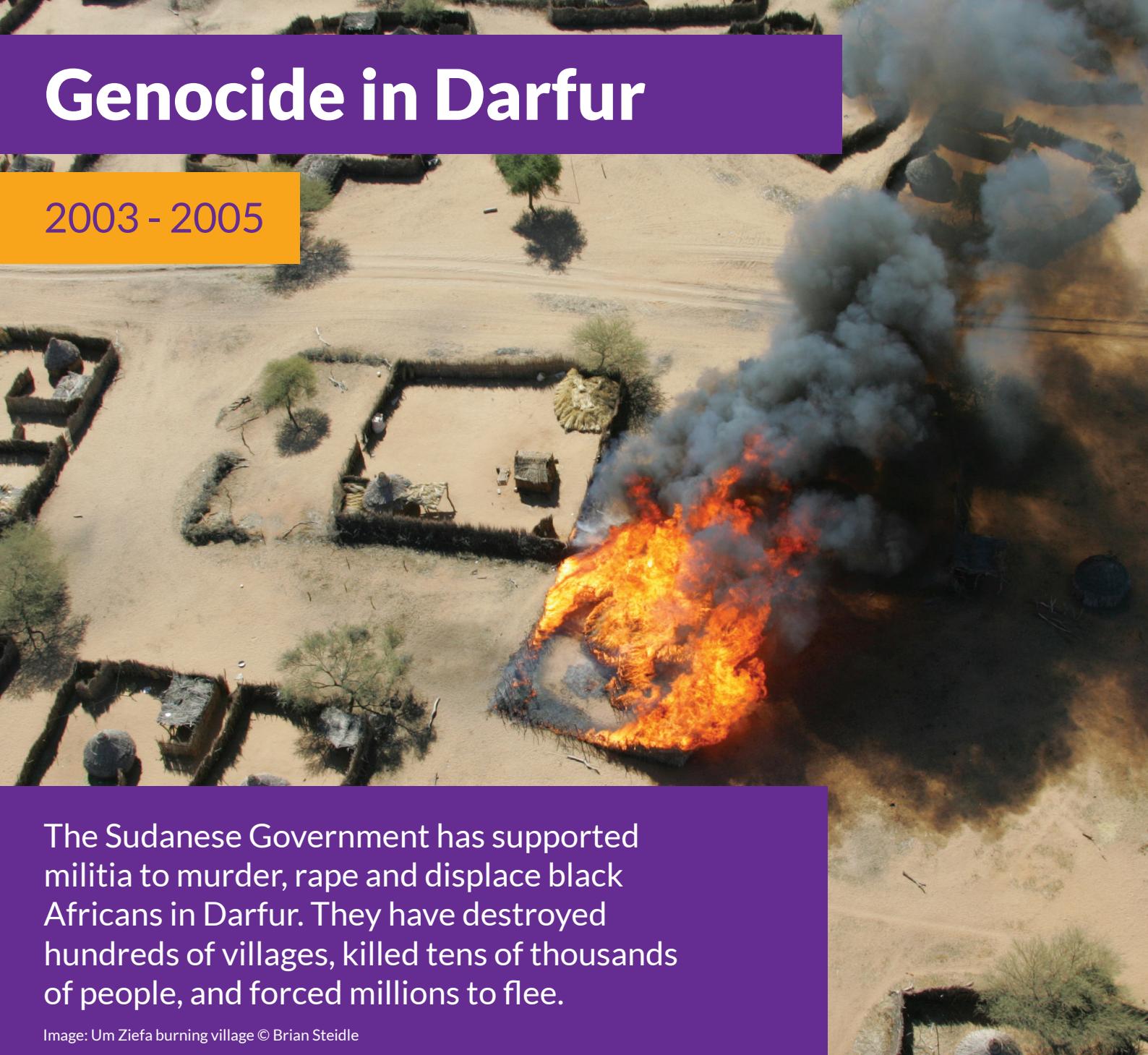
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Genocide in Darfur

2003 - 2005



The Sudanese Government has supported militia to murder, rape and displace black Africans in Darfur. They have destroyed hundreds of villages, killed tens of thousands of people, and forced millions to flee.

Image: Um Ziefa burning village © Brian Steidle



'I decided I needed to protect my children from the harm they faced. We made the hardest decision of my life and decided to leave the country.'

Name and image changed to protect identity.

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Faiza, survivor of the genocide in Darfur

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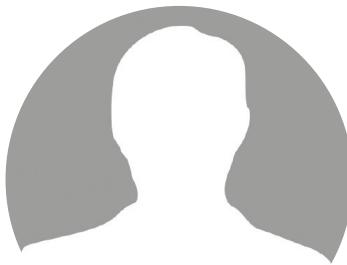
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Hawa

Hawa survived the genocide in Darfur. In an 'untold stories' film, you can hear her talking about the persecution that forced her to leave her village, and her fears for her family.

Watch Hawa's film:
hmd.org.uk/hawadarfur



Karim

Karim's village was destroyed by the Janjaweed – Arab tribes armed by the government. Some of his family were murdered but others, including Karim, were able to flee to Chad.

Read Karim's life story:
hmd.org.uk/karim

Image changed to protect identity.



Abdul Aziz Mustafa

Abdul Aziz is a member of the Zaghawa people and grew up in Darfur. At the age of 13, his family life was destroyed after persecution by the Sudanese Government, and he fled to the UK.

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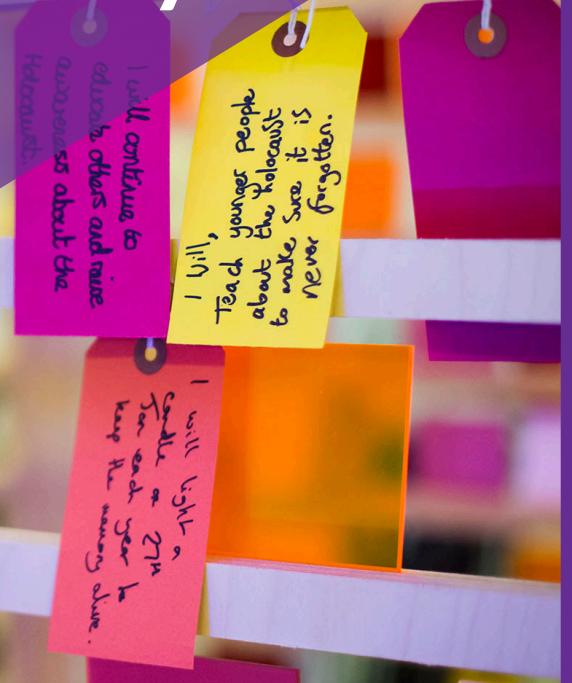
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